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Dear Paul,

Whatever may have been in his mind I find Jim Kostman's letter of the 6th offensive and insufferably arrogant.

If Lil does any copying before the next mail I'll enclose a copy.

After a month they declined to give me a few pages for possible use in court. Instead they tell me to take still more time and ask this of you, that this is their mechanism. And because others they describe as researchers like this arrangement I also must.

Naturally, this being their will, their self-concept, all the courts will stand still for them and their machinery.

If nothing else they have again given me what I take as a dependable evaluation of their scale of values and importances. These do not coincide with mine.

These are still the people who, with Lane, fixed paranoia slightly improved with a generous sprinkling of bullshit on an entire college generation.

I should have known better than to ask either Katz of the Yankee-Cowboy theorizer for a few pages of records. I'll not repeat the mistake.

They also had better not repeat some of theirs. I just might have a little fun if they give me the opportunity.

I would like to compare the actual records with their representation of them on Good Morning America. I'm sure that Katz was farthure out than Oglesby and that Oglesby was not faithful to fact.

This is the kind of thing that hurts. It never helps. It besmirches us all. And it is of use to the spooks. I've already seen how they use it.

I want nothing to do with them. There can't be, for me, any way of spending time that does not hold better prospect.

Jim has asked me to let him know if I hear when the next batch is due. He is still suffering the respiratory infection. He is working but it has slowed him down much and put him even farthure behind in everything. If you do hear please let one of us know promptly. If it is close to the scheduled time, phone would be appreciated. If I hear I'll let you know.

In my letter to Kostman I refer to Mailer only. However, I've just looked at their advisory board. I see four others to whom I once turned when the climate was different. All then declined. When Nobile was doing his series he neither mentioned nor spoke to me and I'm not counting him as one of the four. Dellinger, great man of principle that he is, allowed Salandria to talk him out of reviewing Whitewash. D D then had a magazine.

Cantankerously yours,